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SUBJECT: APPLICABILITY OF EMERGENCY MEASURE NO. 9

REF: SEOUL 3394

1. INITIAL INDICATIONS GENERALLY ARE THAT ROKG INTENDS NEW EMERGENCY MEASURE TO BE WIDELY ENFORCED. BASED ON STATEMENTS MINISTRY JUSTICE OFFICIAL TONGA ILBO MAY 15 SPECULATED THT MEASURE WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED ONLY TO STOP RUMORS IN POLITICAL AND NATIONAL SECURITY AREAS AND THAT A MERE FALSE STATEMENT BY PRESS WOULD NOT BE PUNISHABLE. HOWEVER, LATER SAME DAY RADIO QUOTES BLUE HOUSE SPOKESMAN KIM SONG-CHIN AS SAYING MEASURE NOT ONLY COVERS POLITICAL AND SECURITY ISSUES BUT THAT ANY SOCIAL ACTIVITY, RADIO DRAMA OR MOVIE WHICH DEPICTS IMMORALITY OR SCENES HARMFUL TO NATION WILL BE SUBJECT TO ACTION UNDER MEASURE.

2. MINISTRY CULTURE AND PUBLIC INFORMATION SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED MAY 14 THAT EVEN PUBLICATIONS PRINTED BEFORE PROMULGATION OF MEASURE ARE COVERED, AND THAT THOSE SELLING SUCH PUBLICATIONS SUBJECT TO PUNISHMENT. SPOKESMAN SAID BOOKSELLERS WOULD BE REQUIRED TO RETURN TO CONFIDENTIAL

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PUBLISHERS PUBLICATONS WITH CONTENTS VIOLATING MEASURE.

3. MCUI HAS ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT IT WILL EXAMINE ALL MAGAZINES FOR COMPLIANCE WITH MEASURE AND THAT RADIO

STATIONS ARE REQUIRED TO KEEP TAPES OF BROADCASTS FOR ONE MONTH AND BROADCAST MANUSCRIPTS FOR ONE YEAR. PRESS SOURCES REPORT THAT KCIA HAS SET UP OFFICES IN RADIO AND NEWSPAPER BUILDINGS.

4. EDITORIAL COMMENT CONTINUES TO BE CAUTIOUS. EVEN NON-GOVERNMENT PRESS REACTION FAVORABLE TO MEASURE TO EXTENT OF CALLING FOR COMPLIANCE AND ACKNOWLEDGING NECESSITY OF DECISIVE ACTION AT PRESENT TIME.
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